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In re the Application of

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For: DOCUMENT CONSTRAINT DESCRIPTORS OBTAINED FROM USER SIGNALS
INDICATING ATTRIBUTE-VALUE RELATIONS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the October 24, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 13 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for obtaining document constraint descriptors

based on user signals, the method comprising:

(A) receiving user signals indicating a set of attribute-value relations that can
apply to documents;

(B) using the user signals to obtain, without requiring user intervention, logical
relations equivalent to the attribute value relations, the logical relations comprising at least
one of a sort and a feature; and

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